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TO YOUNG FARMERS

By Hugh P. McClimon

All chapters should make plans to have entries in each area of the Contests and Awards Program. As recommended by the Contests and Awards Committee, a new category for Livestock Production has been added this year. The Executive Committee has developed and secured sponsors for awards on a state-wide basis for beef, dairy and swine. Awards have been approved for $200 cash to the state winner and $100 cash for second place with engraved plaques for each. Sponsors for 1982 include Bowman Farm Supply, Central Soya, Inc., and ConAgra, Inc. The purpose of the program is to encourage Young Farmers to increase the efficiency of their livestock operation through the use of recommended production practices and management. As with the other awards, the contest is open to members under 40 years of age who are in good standing with the Association. Application forms have been developed and will be distributed through the District Offices to chapter advisors. A new form for Young Farmer of the Year has also been developed for use this year in an effort to secure the information needed in a standard format.

Texas Young Farmers will host the 16th National Young Farmer Educational Institute on December 12-16 in San Antonio, "one of America's four unique cities." Plans are underway for tours to some excellent poultry and cattle operations along with optional tours and walking tours in the downtown area. More details about the Institute will be provided when available.

TO FUTURE FARMERS

By J. Earl Frick, Jr.

A very successful State FFA Convention was held at Clemson University June 9-11. The newly renovated Tillman Hall Auditorium served as an excellent setting for FFA members, chapter advisors and guests who were recognized throughout the three day convention. Congratulations to the members and chapters who worked hard throughout the year and were rewarded at the convention.

Congratulations also to the six young men who were elected to serve as your State FFA Officers team for 1982-83. They have continued to work hard during the summer to become better prepared to serve you during the coming year. Call on them to help you plan and conduct activities to strengthen your local chapter. They are anxious and willing to help promote vocational agriculture and the FFA and to make our organization meet the needs of the members.

Plans are under way for the trip to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, November 9-13. Chapters are encouraged to send representatives in addition to the contest and award winners who will be recognized from our state. Have your advisor contact the district consultant in your area for the reservation information.

Please encourage your chapter officers to develop a written program of activities for your chapter early in the school year. A plan will help remind you of the activities that you will need to participate in throughout the year.

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ANNUAL FUTURE FARMER CONVENTION

MELANIE BURGESS

BILL L. ATCHLEY

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The Vice President of the half-million member National Future Farmers of America organization headed a list of top speakers who addressed the fifty-fifth annual convention of the S. C. Association of Future Farmers of America. Melanie Burgess, National FFA Vice President, from Harrisonburg, Virginia, addressed the first general session which was held at Clemson University's Tillman Hall. Melanie remained for the entire convention and presented the FFA Foundation awards and assisted the State Association officers in staging the three-day convention. The gathering marked the fifty-fifth anniversary of the state's vocational agriculture youth group. More than 300 Future Farmers, advisors, and guests, were on hand to witness the proceedings. Dr. Bill Atchley, President of Clemson University, welcomed the representatives of the Future Farmers chapters and guests to the convention which is the highlight of the FFA calendar. Mr. Roddy Gray, former Director of Admissions, Erskine College, of Abbeville, gave an inspiring, interesting, and challenging address to the group assembled.

The Association has approximately 7,000 members and 140 local chapters in high schools or vocational centers across South Carolina. Activities of the Association help prepare high school students of vocational agriculture for farm and agribusiness careers by allowing members to demonstrate skills they have learned in the classrooms and laboratories. FFA activities are student-led with vocational agriculture teachers serving as advisors.

Another highlight of the convention was the presentation of the National FFA Proficiency Awards in 18 categories to Future Farmers and chapters in South Carolina. One of the most prestigious awards is that of Star State Farmer, which goes to the Future Farmer with the best overall farming operation.

Other highlights were the finals of the FFA Public Speaking Contest and the presentation of the Association's annual vocational agriculture scholarship.

The winner of the Public Speaking Contest earned the right to compete for regional honors and received $100 cash. A $500 scholarship is awarded for the study of agricultural education at Clemson University and is funded by the S. C. Plant Food Educational Society. Other activities included the finals of the FFA Parliamentary Procedure Contest, presentation of Superior Chapter Awards, and the transaction of the Association's business. Convention activities were conducted by the outgoing officers who were: Laurie Staggs, Dorman, President; Scott Poore, Belton-Honea Path, Secretary; Darrell Ricketts, Abbeville, Vice President; Tom A. Cowan, York, Treasurer; Jimmy Sawyer, Mullins, Reporter; and Andrew M. Carter, Bamberg-Ehrhardt, Sentinel.

Other key awards were presented in these categories: Individual Future Farmer for overall FFA involvement and related work experience; Agricultural Electrification; Chapter Safety; Building Our American Communities for FFA fostered community development; and Chapter Achievement.

There were several firsts this year. The Association held its convention in the newly renovated Tillman Auditorium for the first time in a number of years. The Association sponsored a Creed Speaking Contest for first-year vocational agriculture students and the Association sponsored a Farm Business Management Contest for the first time. The Executive Committee sponsored a drop-in with refreshments and a dance on Thursday night.

The climax of a most successful fifty-fifth convention was the election and installation of officers to lead the organization for 1982-83 and to conduct the 1983 annual convention.

HONORARY DEGREES

The South Carolina Association of FFA conferred Honorary State Farmer Degrees upon thirteen agriculture teachers, sponsors, and supporters. Individuals who received the Honorary State Farmer Degree for 1982 at the State FFA Convention at Clemson University are: Larry E. Greer, agriculture teacher, McDuffie High School; Charles G. Moore, agriculture teacher, Dorman High School; O. R. Cothran, Jr., Vocational and Career Education Consultant, Greenville County Schools; John T. Morrison, Director, Floyd D. Johnson Vocational Center, York; Mark Shealy, agriculture teacher, Hartsville; Walter Tart, agriculture teacher, Marion; J. W. Dawsey, Superintendent, Horry County Schools; Dan Alt, President, S. C. Association Young Farmers; Luther Anderson, Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences, Clemson University; Dr. George von Tungeln, College of Agricultural Sciences, Clemson University; John T. Walker, Chief, Farmer Programs, Farmers Home Administration; Andrew Dixon, agriculture teacher, Swansea; and William B. James, Agricultural Research Coordinator, Reynolds Industries, Winston Salem, N. C. In addition to these, parents of the state officers were awarded the degree in a special ceremony.

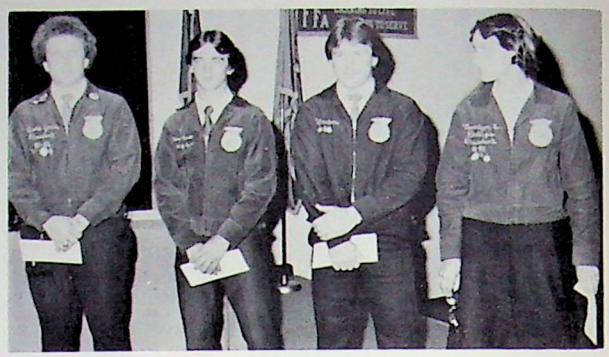
The Honorary State Farmer Degree is given to selected individuals who have made sustained outstanding contributions to the development of the Future Farmer organization and to vocational agriculture on a statewide basis.

SCHOLARSHIP

Joe Ben Weeks, President of the S. C. Plant Food Educational Society from Hopkins, presented a $500 scholarship to Mary Christie Rogers of Pendleton, the 1982 scholarship winner. Christie's parents are Reverend and Mrs. Joseph H. Rogers of Pendleton. Her agriculture teachers are Royce Caines and George M. Reed, Jr.

The scholarship is made available to an incoming freshman to Clemson University by the S. C. Plant Food Educational Society for the purpose of encouraging further study in the field of agricultural education.

INDIVIDUAL FFA AWARDS



The 1982 recipients of the four district Individual Future Farmer Awards are shown, left to right: (following the name of the chapter is the name of the agriculture teacher) Allen Todd Jones, Dorman chapter (Charles G. Moore, advisor); Tom Fink, Gilbert chapter (Jack Cunningham, advisor); Winston H. McGee, Jr., Lake City chapter (J. D. Daniel, advisor); and Vonalyn L. Phillips, Colleton chapter (William Wrighten, advisor).

The purpose of this award is to develop an incentive to improve the diversified farming program and to develop leadership ability in farming. Contestants are judged on the basis of their complete Future Farmer program. Each district winner received $250 cash to be used to help defray his expenses to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City in November. This award is sponsored by the S. C. Association of Future Farmers.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Finalists in the state FFA Public Speaking Contest competing for state championship were: Todd Jones, Dorman chapter (Charles G. Moore, advisor); Bill Edmunds, Clover (Donald Williams, advisor); Greg Turner, Mullins (James Bell, advisor); and Allen Fields, Midland Valley chapter, Aiken (Scott Crosby, advisor). The state winner was Todd Jones speaking on *Where Have Our Farm Lands Gone.* The state winner received a plaque, a check in the amount of $100 and earned the right to compete in the tri-state eliminations. District winners each received a plaque and a $50 check.

The purpose of the FFA public speaking competition is to develop agricultural leadership among students of vocational agriculture.

STAR STATE FARMER

Tommy Swartz, of the Wagener-Salley chapter, was awarded the 1982 Star State Farmer pin and $200 cash at the State FFA Convention at Clemson University. Shown with Tommy, left to right, are his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Swartz, Tommy, and his agriculture teacher, S. C. Smith.

DISTRICT STAR FARMERS

District I's Star Farmer was David C. Martin of the Pendleton chapter. Shown with him, left to right, are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, and his advisor, Royce Caines. David was awarded a pin and $100 cash.

DISTRICT STARS CONTINUED

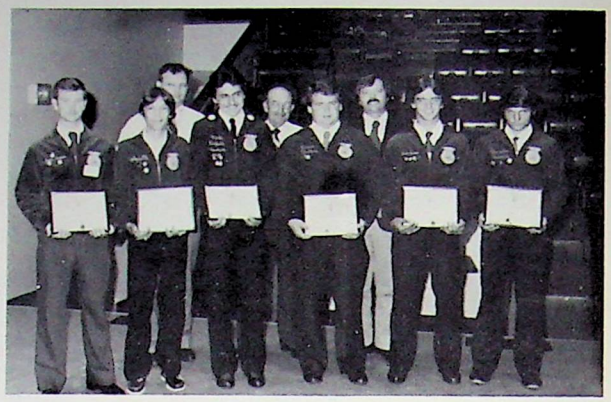
District II's Star Farmer was Thomas Fink of the Gilbert chapter. Shown with him (left to right) are his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Fink, Thomas, and his agriculture teacher, Jack Cunningham. Thomas received a pin and $100 cash.

Robert Blake Arnold from St. Johns chapter in Darlington, was District III's Star Farmer. He is shown with his parents (left to right) Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, and his agriculture teacher, Alex Yarborough. Blake received a pin and $100 cash.

NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI NOVEMBER 10-14, 1982

NATIONAL FFA PROFICIENCY AWARD WINNERS

The 1982 National FFA Proficiency Awards were presented to the state winners by Melanie Burgess, National FFA Vice President from Harrisonburg, Virginia. Shown above, right to left, are award recipients: Agricultural Electrification, DAVID MAINE MAJOR, Belton-Honea Path (Harold J. Mackey, advisor); Agricultural Mechanics, LUKE BERRY, Saluda (T. W. Gladden, Jr., advisor); Agricultural Processing, ANTHONY G. LOWRIMORE, Brittons Neck (Jerry Pace, advisor); Sales and Service, ALLEN T. JONES, Dorman (Charles G. Moore, advisor); Beef Production, JOSEPH A. LINK, JR., Pendleton (Royce Caines and George M. Reed, Jr., advisors); and Crop Production, BLAKE ARNOLD, St. Johns, Darlington (Alex Yarborough, advisor).



Left to right: Horse Proficiency, SAMUEL T. COOPER, Dorman (Charles G. Moore, advisor); Nursery Operations, JAMIE BULMAN, Dorman (Charles G. Moore, advisor); Placement in Agricultural Production, JAMES MARK DUFFELL, Crescent (H. S. Clinkscales, advisor); Poultry Production, BRUCE K. WATERS, Gilbert (Jack Cunningham, advisor); Soil and Water Management, TOM FINK, Gilbert (Jack Cunningham, advisor); and Swine Production, VERNON THOMAS, Dorman (Charles G. Moore, advisor).

Proficiency awards are made to assist deserving FFA members in developing farming programs and other agricultural occupations. They are sponsored jointly by industry and the National FFA Foundation, Inc. Each state winner received $100 cash and is eligible to compete for a regional award.

Shown, left to right: Dairy Production, DAVID MARTIN, Pendleton (Royce Caines and George M. Reed, Jr., advisors); Diversified Livestock, MARSHALL P. WATT, JR., Crescent (Joe Price and H. S. Clinkscales, advisors); Fish and Wildlife Management, LEROY SEARCEY, JR., Boiling Springs (Dennis Haltiwanger, advisor); Forest Management, WILLIAM G. SIMMONS, Dorman (Charles G. Moore, advisor); Fruit and Vegetable Production, RICHARD CROMER, Boiling Springs (Dennis Haltiwanger, advisor); and Home and Farmstead Improvement, VONALYN L. PHILLIPS, Colleton (William Wrighten, advisor).

SUPERIOR CHAPTER AWARDS

Representatives of 19 superior chapters were on hand to receive the 1982 Superior Chapter Award. Chapters earning the award are listed below, followed by the name of the agriculture teacher.

JAMES F. BYRNES (G. P. Jones, Jr.); BELTON-HONEA PATH (Harold J. Mackey); PENDLETON (Royce Caines and George M. Reed, Jr.); DORMAN (Charles G. Moore); CRESCENT (Joe Price and H. S. Clinkscales); CALHOUN FALLS (Tommy Harmon); YORK (W. S. Wilkins); GILBERT (Jack Cunningham); PELION (Frank R. Stover, Jr.); CLOVER (Donald Williams); ANDREWS (Gilmore McManus); LORIS (Benjamin Hardee); LAKE CITY (James Myers); BRITTONS NECK (Jerry Pace); MULINS (James L. Bell); EDISTO (George Ulmer); COLLETON (William Wrighten); ST. GEORGE (R. D. Matthews); and ELLOREE (Lee Stoudemire).

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

The Lake City FFA parliamentary procedure team was the 1982 state winner in the parliamentary procedure contest held at Clemson University in connection with the State FFA Convention. J. D. Daniel (center), Lake City agriculture teacher, is shown with his team members, left to right: Winston McGee, Maxie Springs, Tony Keefe, Keith Smith, and Jason Miles. The Lake City team won $100 cash and a state plaque.

DISTRICT WINNERS

District One finalists in the parliamentary procedure competition were Wade Hampton (James Gilreath, Jr. (right), advisor), with team members: David Hall, Doug Nalley, Richard Rettew, Erica Bishop, and Kelly Howarth.

DISTRICT WINNERS (Continued)

District Two finalists, the Pelion chapter (Frank R. Stover, Jr., advisor) (right), and team members: Wade Johnson, Jeff Lucas, Eddie Jeffcoat, Alan Shumpert, and Dean Padgett.

Wagener-Salley team is shown left to right: S. C. Smith, agriculture teacher, right, and team members: Bobby Webb, Mike Moore, Bryan Rawls, Tommy Shull, and Susie Garvin. These teams each received $50 cash and a district plaque.

The purpose of this competition is to encourage Future Farmers in the study and mastery of proper parliamentary procedure which is a necessity in the orderly conduct of meetings. This phase of the Future Farmer program makes a definite contribution in the development of aggressive agricultural leadership.

BOAC AWARDS

Gilbert Chapter - State Award and Governor's Citation. L/R Jack Cunningham, Chuck Fink, J. T. Walker, Jr.

The 1982 state winners in the FFA Building Our American Communities program are shown receiving congratulations and a plaque from J. T. Walker, Jr., Chief, Farmer Programs, Farmers Home Administration, Columbia. Representatives of the chapters and their advisors are: (following the name of the chapter is the name of the agriculture teacher) Gilbert (Jack Cunningham); Mullins (James L. Bell); both Gold Emblem Award winners. The Silver Emblem Award winners were Dorman (Charles G. Moore) and Travelers Rest (Bruce Fox). The Bronze Emblem award went to Pendleton (Royce Caines) and Calhoun Falls (Thomas E. Harmon). William B. James, Agricultural Research Coordinator for Reynolds Industries, Inc., Winston Salem, North Carolina, represented Reynolds Industries, sponsor of the BOAC program nationwide.

The Gilbert chapter received the state award and the Governor's Citation.

The purpose of the program is to encourage FFA chapters to strengthen and expand member involvement in understanding and developing their communities.

SUPERIOR CHAPTER AWARDS

Melanie Burgess, National FFA Vice President from Harrisonburg, Virginia, presented Superior Chapter Awards in the National FFA Safety Program to representatives of the following chapters (agriculture teacher's name follows the name of the chapter): Dorman (Charles G. Moore); Elloree (Lee Stoudemire); Lake City (J. D. Daniel); Brittons Neck (Jerry Pace); Mullins (James Bell); Andrews (Gilmore McManus); Pleasant Hill (Carolyn Munnerlyn); Edisto (George Ulmer); and Colleton (William Wrighten).

The purpose of this award is to encourage members to take a more active role in farm safety training by becoming involved and participating in local community safety projects and activities. The award is sponsored by the Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute and Dow Chemical, USA.

The two chapters presented for national recognition were Dorman and Lake City.

ELECTRIFICATION WINNERS

Winners of the 1982 FFA agricultural electrification awards are shown with two sponsors and their agriculture teachers. Shown second from right is Mike Coleman, Agricultural Engineer, S. C. Electric and Gas Company, Batesburg, who made the awards on behalf of the sponsors. Winners are shown, left to right, with their advisor on the second row. Jesse Blake Keisler, Gilbert (Jack Cunningham, advisor); Tony Keefe, Lake City (J. D. Daniel, advisor); William L. Ferrell, Walterboro (Jerry Gowdy, advisor); David Maine Major, Belton-Honea Path (Harold J. Mackey, advisor); and left, Lewis Williams, Carolina Power and Light Company, Florence and right, Carroll Suttles, Duke Power Company, Spartanburg.

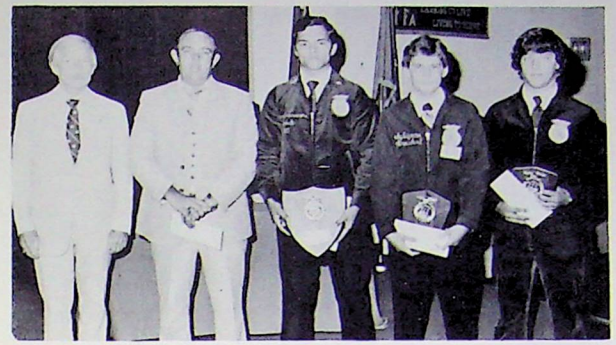
Each chapter received $600 to pay expenses fo the student and his agriculture teacher to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City in November. Belton-Honea Path was declared the state winner and received the state plaque. District plaques were awarded to Gilbert, Lake City, and Walterboro.

This award is sponsored annually by Duke Power Company, S. C. Electric and Gas Company, and Carolina Power and Light Company. The purpose of the program is to encourage students of vocational agriculture to study wise, efficient, and safe utilization of electrical energy and to conserve all types of energy and improve technologies relating to energy production and use.

ENERGY AWARD

The 1982 Energy Challenge Award went to Dorman FFA chapter, Charles Gerald Moore, advisor. The objectives of this award are to: 1. Increase FFA members' understanding of energy problems and energy relationship; 2. Encourage chapters to develop educational and informational activities related to energy; 3. Encourage members and chapters to become involved in energy conservation activities.

TOBACCO AWARDS



William B. James, Agricultural Research Coordinator, R. J. Reynolds Industries, Winston Salem, North Carolina, is shown congratulating the three FFA members who received the Tobacco Production Awards for 1982. R. J. Reynolds Industries, Inc. sponsors the awards nationwide. Winners are shown with their instructors: (left to right) First place, Timothy Earl Lowrimore, Brittons Neck, Jerry Pace, advisor; Andy Torence Duncan, Loris, Benjamin Hardee, advisor (second place); and third place, Blake Arnold, St. Johns chapter, Darlington, Alex Yarborough, advisor.

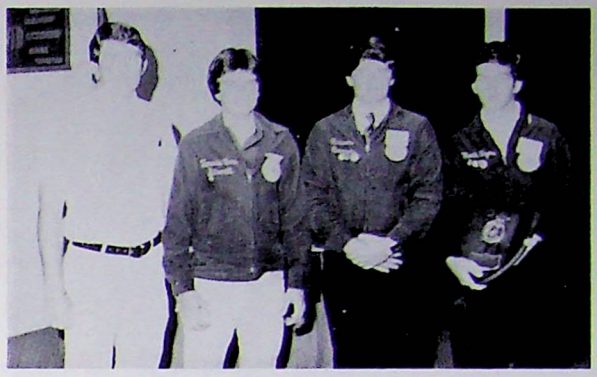
The first place winner Timothy Lowrimore received $400 to be used to pay his expenses to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. His agriculture teacher, Jerry Pace, also received $400 for expenses to the National FFA Convention. Andy Duncan received $200 as second place winner and the third place winner, Blake Arnold, received $100. All winners received plaques in addition to the cash awards.

The purpose of this award is to recognize FFA members for successful experiences and proficiency in the production and management of tobacco enterprises.

NEW LEADERS ELECTED

Elected to lead the S. C. Association of Future Farmers in it's fifty-fifth year are left to right: Keith Cox, Loris, President; Vice Presidents: Allen Jones, Dorman; George Randolph, Pendleton; Blake Arnold, Darlington; Thomas Fink, Gilbert; and Tony Keefe, Lake City.

FLORICULTURE WINNERS



The Pendleton High School FFA #2 chapter floriculture team, with a score of 1750 points, won top place in the state floriculture competition held at Clemson University in connection with the State FFA Convention. As first place winner the Pendleton team will receive an expense-paid trip to the National FFA Convention in November and the right to represent South Carolina in national competition. Members of the first place Pendleton #2 team were, Mark Myers, Jimmy Garrett, and Brian Boggs. The team was prepared by Royce Caines, agriculture teacher at Pendleton High School. Second place team honors went to Rock Hill Career Development Center with 1627 points. Team members were, David Alton, Beth Marion, and Michele Ficco. The team was prepared by Janet Cashion, the agriculture teacher at Rock Hill CDC. Third place winner was the Aiken High School team, with Joe Wilson the agriculture teacher. The Aiken team scored 1562 points. Team members were Ruby Patterson, Jodie Stout, and Cherly Garnto. All teams received an engraved plaque. First place individual honors were earned by Brian Boggs, Pendleton #2, with 601 points; Jimmy Garrett, Pendleton #2, was second with 579 points; and third place went to Mark Myers of Pendleton #2 with 570 points. All three individuals received attractive trophies for their accomplishments.

The floriculture competition is open to the state's more than 1500 students studying floriculture and ornamental horticulture, as well as students in basic agriculture programs whose courses stress training in floriculture. The purpose of the competition is to give students an opportunity to demonstrate the knowledge and skills learned in vocational agriculture classes. This competition included an overall written phase, identification of plant materials, judging classes of plant materials and floral arrangements. Floriculture includes both retailing and production of flowers, plants and foliage.

FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

This year for the first time the State Association of FFA sponsored a Farm Business Management Contest. The purpose of this competition is to stimulate farm management instruction through the vocational agriculture curriculum. The objectives are: (1) to develop the ability to apply economic principles in analyzing the farm business and making farm management decisions; (2) to develop the ability to choose or select the most appropriate type of farm business organization for a given farm situation; and (3) to develop the ability to use records and manage resources for optimum profit. The problem solving analysis portion of the Farm Business Management Contest is designed to determine the team members' ability to apply principles of farm management to decision making process by actual problem analysis and to justify the decisions made.

Pendleton High School FFA #2 chapter's farm business management team, with a score of 415 points, took first place in the first State FFA Farm Business Management Contest held at Clemson University in connection with the annual State FFA Convention. As the first place winner, the Pendleton team will receive an expense-paid trip to the National FFA Convention in November and they earned the right to represent South Carolina in national competition. Members of the first place Pendleton #2 team were: Kelly Rogers, Shrie Ramsey, and Stephanie Thompson. The team was prepared by Royce Caines, agriculture teacher at Pendleton High School. Second place team honors went to Lake City with 386 points. Team members were: Maxie Springs, Winston McGee, and Jason Miles. Their agriculture teacher is J. D. Daniel. The Edisto team scored 383 points to capture third place. George Ulmer is the agriculture teacher at Edisto. Team members were: Kent Williams, Dennie Osborne, and Steve Pfaff. All teams received an engraved plaque. First place individual honors went to Timmy Shealy, Saluda, with 195 points; Steve Pfaff, of Edisto, was second with 191 points; and Gilmore McManus of Andrews, third, with 165 points. All three received attractive trophies for their accomplishments.

FFA CREED SPEAKING

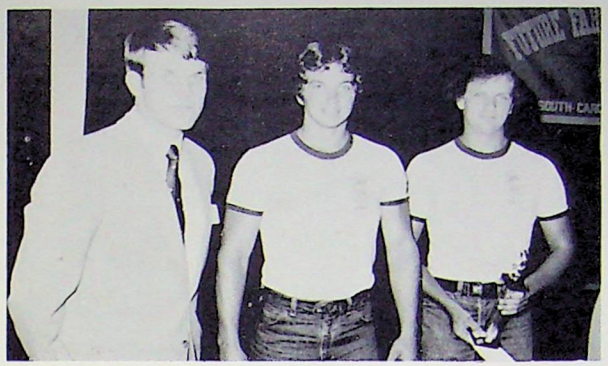
This year for the first time the State Association held an FFA Creed Speaking Contest. This contest was conducted in connection with the State FFA Convention at Clemson University. The purpose of this activity is to develop agricultural leadership programs in this state for first-year students enrolled in vocational agriculture. The contest gives first-year students the opportunity to develop public speaking skills, stimulates leadership and citizenship, and provides a contest free from competition from more experienced speakers. The contest is open only to first-year vocational agriculture students who have earned the Greenhand Degree. Contestants must be dues paying members in good standing with their local chapters. Participants recite the FFA Creed from memory to a panel of judges. Students also have to answer at least one question related to the Creed from each judge. Time limit for the recitation and questions is four minutes.

Winning first place in this activity was Jeffrey Bannister, Belton-Honea Path, with a score of 496.8 points. He was awarded a $50 cash award and a trophy. Harold Mackey is the agriculture teacher at Belton-Honea Path. Chris Lee, with 479.2 points, of Lake City, placed second and received a $35 cash award and a trophy. J. D. Daniel is the agriculture teacher at Lake City. Melody Cooper, of Dorman, with 478.8 points placed third and received a $25 cash award and a trophy. Charles G. Moore is her agriculture teacher and advisor.

ORGANIST

Lloyd Trimmier, agriculture teacher at Dacusville Junior High School, was the 1982 FFA Convention organist, who added tremendously to the ceremonies and enjoyment of the convention during breaks and prior to the beginning of sessions.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS



The Saluda High School agricultural mechanics team, with a score of 382 points, won top honors in the state agricultural mechanics competition staged at Clemson University during the recent State FFA Convention. The first place winner won an expense-paid trip to the National FFA Convention in November and the right to represent South Carolina in national competition. Members of the state winning Saluda team were: Lee Levanee, Luke Berry, Glendon Brickley, and Mike Davis. T. W. Gladden, Jr. is the agriculture teacher at Saluda. Second place state honors went to the Pendleton #1 chapter team, with George M. Reed, Jr., as agriculture teacher. Team members were: Glen Moore, Christa Rogers, Willie Watt, and William Randolph. This team scored a total of 363 points. Third place honors went to the Edisto chapter team, George Ulmer, agriculture teacher, with 350 points. Team members included: John Irick, Troy Kittrell, Eddie McAlhany, and Denis Osborne. All three teams received engraved plaques. First place individual honors went to: Luke Berry, Saluda, with 147 points; second place went to Warren Whitesides, York, with 131 points; and Glen Moore, Pendleton #1, scored 130 points to place third in the statewide competition. All three individuals were presented trophies for their accomplishments.

The keen competition is staged annually by the Office of Vocational Education which supervises vocational agriculture programs statewide. Directing the contest was Dr. James Daniels, of the Department of Agricultural Education, Clemson University. The event is open to all students enrolled in agricultural mechanics in their high school or vocational education center. The activity is staged to allow students to demonstrate skills learned in vocational agriculture classes and included agricultural mechanics skills in gas welding and cutting, tool maintenance, small engine power, electric wiring and electric motors, and a written overall general knowledge examination in all of these areas.

NURSERY/LANDSCAPE

The Pendleton FFA #2 chapter won first place in the state nursery/landscape competition recently held at Clemson University in connection with the State FFA Convention. Pendleton scored a total of 1584 points. Royce Caines is Pendleton's advisor and Leesa Bowman, Ricky Riggins, and Richy Hunter were the team members. First place earned the Pendleton team an expense-paid trip to the National FFA Convention in November and the right to represent South Carolina in national competition. Taking second place honors was the Aiken chapter team, Joe Wilson, advisor, with 1578 points. Team members included Tim Fulmer, Charles Ferguson, and Donald Graham. Third place went to the Lexington Vocational Center chapter team with 1516 points. Stanley Gibson is the agriculture teacher and team members were Frank Shull, Berke Chestnut and Chadd Corley. Top individual honors went to Mike Putman, Berea, 615 points; Charles Ferguson, Aiken, 594 points; and Leesa Bowman, Pendleton #2 chapter, 594 (tie). All three individuals received attractive trophies for their accomplishment. All teams received a plaque for their placing.

The nursery/landscape competition is open to the students of ornamental horticulture, as well as students in basic vocational agriculture programs whose courses stress training in nursery/landscape. The purpose of this competition is to give students an opportunity to demonstrate the knowledge and skills learned in vocational agriculture classes. Competition included an overall general knowledge test, identification of plant materials, identification of nursery/landscape items and four classes of plants, and one landscape model. In the landscape model class students were furnished a landscape drawing and required to answer ten objective questions about the drawing.

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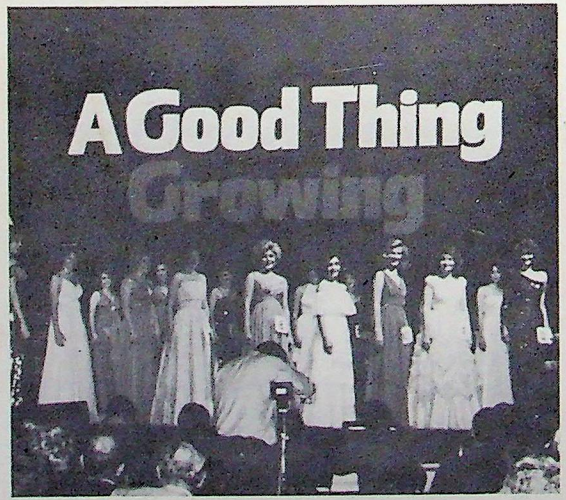
Short and Intermediate-term Farm Credit

Serving Farmers



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